

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
determining a first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a first billing rate description associated with the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for an in-progress telephone call of a wireless telephone; and
transmitting the determined first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description to receiving, at the wireless telephone, ~~the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate;~~ for display of displaying the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description on a display of the wireless telephone during ~~[[an]]~~ the in-progress telephone call; and
~~generating, at the wireless telephone, an audible tone signaling that a rate change event has occurred.~~
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising, ~~after said displaying the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate:~~
determining a second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a second billing rate description associated with the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for the in-progress telephone call of the wireless telephone; and
transmitting the determined second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description for display of displaying the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description on the display of the wireless telephone during the in-progress telephone call.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate differs from the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description differs from the first billing rate description.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate comprises a cost-per-minute rate.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1 wherein the first billing rate description and the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate are simultaneously displayed by the display of the wireless telephone.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~determining~~ transmitting the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description comprises:
sending transmitting data indicating the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description from ~~[[the]]~~ a remote node to the wireless telephone during the in-progress telephone call.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) A wireless telephone comprising:

a receiver to receive a first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a first billing rate description associated with the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for an in-progress telephone call;

~~a generator for generating, at the wireless telephone, an audible tone to signal a billing rate change event; and~~

~~a display to display, during an in-progress telephone call, the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description during [[for]] the in-progress telephone call.~~

10. (Currently amended) The wireless telephone of claim 9 wherein the display is further to display, after displaying the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate but during the in-progress telephone call, a second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a second billing rate description associated with the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate during [[for]] the in-progress telephone call.

11. (Currently amended) The wireless telephone of claim 10 wherein the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate differs from the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description differs from the first billing rate description.

12. (Original) The wireless telephone of claim 9 wherein the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate comprises a cost-per-minute rate.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently amended) The wireless telephone of claim ~~[[13]]~~ 9 wherein the display is to simultaneously display the first billing rate description and the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate.

15. – 22. (Canceled).

23. (New) A system comprising:

a message generator to determine a first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a first billing rate description associated with the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for an in-progress telephone call of a wireless telephone, and to generate a first message having data that indicates the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description to the wireless telephone during the in-progress telephone call; and
a wireless service provider to transmit the first message to the wireless telephone for display of the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description during the in-progress telephone call.

24. (New) The system of claim 23 wherein:

the message generator is further to determine a second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a second billing rate description associated with the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for the in-progress telephone call of the wireless telephone, and to generate a second message having data that indicates

the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description; and

the wireless service provider is further to transmit the second message to the wireless telephone for display of the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description during the in-progress telephone call.

25. (New) The system of claim 24 wherein the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate differs from the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description differs from the first billing rate description.

26. (New) The system of claim 23 wherein the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate comprises a cost-per-minute rate.

27. (New) The system of claim 23 wherein the message generator is further to generate a message indicating a number of days remaining in a billing period.

28 (New) A method comprising:

receiving at a wireless telephone a first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a first billing rate description associated with the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for an in-progress telephone call via the wireless telephone; and displaying the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description on a display of the wireless telephone during the in-progress telephone call.

29. (New) The method of claim 28 wherein the first billing rate description and the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate are concurrently displayed by the display of the wireless telephone.

30. (New) The method of claim 28 further comprising:

receiving at the wireless telephone a second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a second billing rate description associated with the second real-time, cost-per-

unit-time billing rate for the in-progress telephone call via the wireless telephone;
and
displaying the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate
description on the display of the wireless telephone during the in-progress
telephone call.

31. (New) The method of claim 38 wherein the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time
billing rate differs from the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing
rate description differs from the first billing rate description.